

5-370 -A Site Summary- Aliso Creek**5-370 -A**County: **Orange Co.**Thomas Guide Location: **951 B7**Latitude N Longitude W
Decimal Degrees: **33.51082 -117.75179**USGS Quad: **San Juan Capistrano**NOAA Chart: **18746**ACP Division: **OR-D**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Small creek mouth located in Laguna Beach. During a portion of the year, a sand berm is present which prevents surface flows into the ocean. During winter months, storm water may breach the sand berm at the creek mouth. During this period the lower portion of the creek is subject to tidal flows and wave wash. The area adjacent to the creek mouth is a sandy beach. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Laguna Beach SMCA.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Rank A - All year.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Coastal lagoon/creek inlet.

Tidewater Goby (Federal and State endangered species). This site has been identified as being critical for the continued survival of the Tidewater Goby. An oil spill into this area would be significant in terms of potential impacts on a federally endangered species.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historical Preservation at (916) 445-7000 and the South Central Coastal Information Center at (657) 278-5395 for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
E/T	James Weigand Ecologist	Bureau of Land Management	(916) 978-4656
E/T	John Kalish South Coast Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management	(760) 833-7100
O		Laguna Beach Fire Dept. (24 hr)	(949) 497-0358
O		Laguna Beach Marine Safety (9am - 5pm)	(949) 494-6571
O		Laguna Beach Police Dept. (24 hr)	(949) 497-0356
O		Orange County Harbor, Beaches, & Parks (day)	(714) 973-6861
O		Orange County Sheriffs Dept. (24 hr)	(714) 288-6742
O		US Ocean Safety Lifeguards (24 hr)	(949) 276-5050
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (24 hr)	(916) 358-1312
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (Los Alamitos)	(562) 342-7100
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-2849
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-6203
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 342-7215
T	OSPR Technical Specialist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-4052
T	Jonathan Bishop	California Coastal Commission	(415) 693-8375
T	Elizabeth Petras	NOAA Fisheries Service	(562) 980-3238
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (24 hr)	(760) 607-9768
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (8am - 4:30pm)	(760) 431-9440

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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To protect endangered species critical habitat. Avoid disturbances to the creek. Boom should be staked on the banks, and not anchored.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 5-370.1 Objective: Prevent oil from entering lagoon during summer.

Construct sand berm and place harbor boom inside of lagoon to deflect any oil washed over berm to collection site.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
5-370.1	200	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Shovels/Loader	2	

LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Access to Aliso Creek from the adjacent Aliso County Beach. Aliso Beach is located off Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach.

LAND ACCESS:**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Parking lots on both sides of PCH. The lot east of PCH may be the better staging area. Connection to beach is through a pedestrian tunnel.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: None.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

Notify the California Coastal Commission if a sand berm is required.

